

PORTLAND HARBOR
Natural Resource Trustee Council



November 6, 2012

West Hayden Island Advisory Committee
c/o Rachel Hoy
City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustee Council (Trustee Council) in order to clarify the inclusion of West Hayden Island as a potential restoration option in the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process. Because of your important role with respect to West Hayden Island, the Trustee Council wants to ensure that you have accurate information regarding the implications, if any, of the NRDA restoration process.

The Trustee Council is working with a number of Potentially Responsible Parties, including the Port of Portland, to estimate the injury to natural resources due to releases of hazardous substances in Portland Harbor. The current settlement-oriented NRDA process will likely result in the implementation of restoration projects to offset injuries to natural resources.

The Trustee Council has developed a "Restoration Portfolio," which includes many potential restoration sites within the Portland Harbor Study Area, as well as within a Broader Focus Area, where restoration projects could be implemented to offset NRDA liability. West Hayden Island is one of the 41 sites included in the current portfolio. At this time, the Trustee Council has neither engaged in negotiations nor entered into any agreements with the Port of Portland to implement a NRDA restoration project on West Hayden Island. Further, the inclusion of West Hayden Island in the Trustee Council's Restoration Portfolio should not be viewed as an impediment to utilizing undeveloped portions of the island for any necessary mitigation in the event that the annexation of the island and development of a marine terminal is approved.

If you have any questions about the Portland Harbor NRDA or restoration planning process, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-753-1310 or erin.madden@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Madden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Madden
Trustee Council Chair
Nez Perce Tribal Representative

cc: (via email) Mike Thorp
Krista Koehl